



The State of Maryland

Executive Department

EXECUTIVE ORDER
01.01.2014.03

Emergency Winter Weather Relief Efforts—Vehicle Size and Weight Limits

WHEREAS, The State of Maryland has experienced numerous back-to-back winter weather events this season, requiring the application of significant amounts of salt and other ice/snow melt commodities to roadways and causing shortages and interruptions in the availability and/or delivery of these commodities;

WHEREAS, The delivery of salt and other ice/snow melt supplies is vital to the preservation of life and property; and

WHEREAS, The facilitated movement of these supplies is in the best interest of the citizens of Maryland.

NOW, THEREFORE, I, MARTIN O'MALLEY, GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF MARYLAND, BY VIRTUE OF THE AUTHORITY VESTED IN ME BY THE CONSTITUTION AND THE LAWS OF MARYLAND, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO TITLE 14 OF THE PUBLIC SAFETY ARTICLE OF THE ANNOTATED CODE OF MARYLAND, HEREBY ORDER THE FOLLOWING RELIEF FOR VEHICLES TRANSPORTING SALT OR OTHER ICE/SNOW MELT SUPPLIES NEEDED TO MAINTAIN THE SAFETY OF THE ROADWAYS.

A. Vehicles transporting salt or other ice/snow melt supplies needed to maintain the safety of the roadways are allowed a 15% tolerance above any weight limit imposed by statute. Said tolerance shall be the only tolerance applicable to the vehicle. No vehicle shall exceed any tire manufacturer's maximum load capacity rating.

B. The provisions of this Executive Order regarding increased weight tolerances are not applicable to any part of the Interstate Highway System. Authority for such relief must be independently granted by a Presidential Declaration. Any declaration so made

and implemented by the Maryland Secretary of Transportation shall become a part of this Executive Order.

C. Carriers and drivers operating under the provisions of this Executive Order must adhere to all roadway restrictions of the Maryland State Highway Administration, Maryland Transportation Authority, and local jurisdictions regarding roadway and bridge size and weight limitations.

D. Pursuant to the Code of Federal Regulations, 49 CFR Part 390.23, carriers and drivers of commercial motor vehicles transporting salt or other ice/snow melt supplies needed to maintain the safety of the roadways shall be relieved from the Hours of Service (HOS) requirements of 49 CFR part 395, as adopted under Section 25-111, of the Maryland Transportation Article. This waiver does not relieve any carrier or operator from the requirements of 49 CFR part 392.3 relating to operating a commercial motor vehicle while fatigued.

E. Any declaration of regional emergency issued by the Federal Motor Carrier Safety Administration granting additional relief from 49 CFR Parts 390–399 encompassing Maryland shall likewise become a part of this Executive Order.

F. Nothing in this declaration relieves the carrier or driver of responsibility for the safe operation of the vehicle.

G. This Executive Order shall remain in effect until modified or rescinded by the Governor.

Given Under My Hand and the Great Seal of the State of Maryland in the City of Annapolis, this 3rd Day of March, 2014.



Martin O'Malley
Governor

ATTEST:

John McDonough
Secretary of State